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PRESENTATION OF THE FIRST CANDIDACY

Consolidate without continuity

Marrugat is committed to maintaining economic solidity, without addressing Fernández's situation

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The Andorran Red Cross has begun its electoral process this week with the presentation of two candidacies that aspire to lead the organization. Only members will have the right to vote, and they will be able to exercise it until May 13th, the date on which the new presidency will be decided. It is worth noting that, suddenly, during the presentation of today's candidacy - that of Vicky Marrugat -, no mention was made of the dismissal of the organization's former director, Jordi Fernández, a situation that has generated a lot of debate in recent weeks.

Therefore, this Monday was the turn of Marrugat's candidacy, which is presented under the slogan 'Continuity and commitment', with the aim of consolidating current projects by providing a renewed spirit. «We are not a continuation, we are a consolidation», the team has remarked, assuring that, despite the presence of many familiar faces from the previous board led by Josep Pol, the new stage is being approached with a different approach.

Marrugat's project is based on the consolidation of current services and the reinforcement of the founding values of the Red Cross: «Humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, volunteerism, unity and universality», she has listed. The candidate has highlighted «the desire to prioritize care for children, youth, elderly and people in situations of dependency», as well



The team that is part of the candidacy 'Commitment and consolidation', headed by Vicky Marrugat.

as promoting «training and prevention».

Regarding economic management, the volume of resources managed by the entity has been highlighted. Matthew Lodge, proposed as treasurer, has highlighted that the budget planned for 2025 amounts to 4.2 million euros in both income and expenses. «You really have to be very comfortable with the people you're with and very calm to be able to manage this money,» he remarked. As for the rest of the candidacy team, it is made up of David Fraissinet (vice president), Joan Saurí (secretary), and Ana Arce, Irene Badia and Elisa-



Vicky Marrugat

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

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beth Zoppetti as members. Marrugat wanted to emphasize that «the team knows how the Red Cross works» and that they are united by «commitment, cohesion and the desire to work for the entity». As for the axes of action, they propose activating the EIRA program, with psychoeducational, sports and mental health actions for children and young people, consolidating RollingAnd and Punt Lila in night events, and maintaining the four-day centers for the elderly. They also plan to reach 1,000 teleassistance devices and guarantee the opening of the Hotel Social Peralba before the end of summer.●

RIGHTS AND PROMINENCE

Andorra recovers the memory of the women who fought for the right to vote

The initiative values the role of suffragettes through a traveling exhibition that begins in Encamp

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With the aim of paying tribute to the women who promoted women's suffrage in Andorra, the cultural and national project 'Key women for the history of Andorra: Andorran suffragettes' was presented this Monday, consisting of a book written by Claudine Tarrene and an artistic exhibition with works by nine artists from the country.

The initiative was born «so that people would talk about them, so that people would know who they were and everything they did», as the promoters explained during the presentation. The book and the exhibition will be publicly presented on May 7th at 7:00 p.m. in an event that will take place in the Municipality of Encamp. This event will be the starting point of a traveling exhibition that will tour all the parishes, following a protocol order. A key moment in the origin of the project was an interview with Angelina Mas, one of the historical protagonists, who will be honored at the opening ceremony.



Mercè Ciaurriz, Gemma Piera, Maite Luque, Gemma Coll and Neus Mola, at the press conference they held to explain the project to pay tribute to the women who promoted women's suffrage.

During the presentation, which featured Mercè Ciaurriz, Gemma Piera, Maite Luque, Gemma Coll (the book's publisher) and Neus Mola, the story of the women suffragettes was valued for «capturing the moment and the sensations» of that time. At the same time, Tarrene has developed historical research that includes «from small history to great history», contextualizing local events within the international framework of

the time.

The book combines the historical section with artistic representation and has been conceived so that it can be consulted in libraries, schools and the general public.

The aim is to facilitate access to the biographies of the women who fought for political rights in Andorra. During the event, it was highlighted that the women protagonists, many linked to the world of education, demonstrated great courage and critical spirit in a «difficult moment» for society. The testimonies collected reveal

that, between 1960 and 1971, these women held clandestine meetings in Quima Calvó's restaurant to organize themselves and demand the right to vote. A discreet work that culminated in women's participation in the Andorran elections for the first time in 1971. ●



Cover of the book, 'Women Key to the History of Andorra, the Andorran Suffragettes'. A cultural and historical memory initiative that pays tribute to the Andorran women who fought and made possible access to women's voting rights in Andorra, which became possible in 1971.

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